warders, nurses and all the asylum staff, that it seemed to throw us quite in the background.

It appeared to me as if they had purposely created this difference, between myself and the king's own army laddie, in order to test my grain and the stuff I was made of. My own mental condition also not having been quite in its normal state of health and poise at the time, when they began to bring the very choicest dishes from the kitchen and feed this new-comer with them, before my very eyes, I seemed to think, that the dishes were rightly meant for me and that I was being foully robbed of the choicest delicacies of diet that I was entitled to. Watching them do the same, from day to day 1 seemed to lose all patience and unable to bear this injustice at last, actually pounced upon the . porridge bowl one morning, like a tiger on its prey and began snatching at it in my madness claiming the thing as mine. The boy that was feeding Richardson finding me so completely lost to all common sense and sense of decency, took out one of his shoes, for want of

any better
that he could lay hand on, at the
spur of the
moment; hammered a blow right on
the temple
of my head and quietly began feeding
Richard-